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**2021/2022 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL GOLDEN KING CRAB
FISHERY EAST CENTRAL AREA CLOSURE**

The commercial golden king crab fishery in the East Central management area will close at **12:00 noon, Friday, February 25, 2022**. Based on an analysis of effort levels and harvest projections, the harvest is expected to reach the 12,050-pound guideline harvest level for the East Central Area by the closure date. Permit holders are reminded that call-in requirements remain in effect for all current registrants. Permit holders are also requested to notify the department when they change areas or cease fishing.

The department will continue to monitor fishery performance via harvest ticket/logbook and port sampling data for the remaining open management areas: Mid-Chatham, Lower Chatham, and Southern. Additional management actions may be taken as necessary, and the department will provide as much advance notice as possible for future area closures.

A vessel may leave gear in a stored condition for five days following the closure of a portion of Registration Area A [5 AAC 34.127(2)]. All gear must be removed from the East Central Area no later than 12:00 noon, March 2, 2022.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1022.

Advisory announcement web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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